

## **LEC Plan Goals and Objectives**

**Goal.** The following provision from the State Comprehensive Plan (Section 187.201(8a), F.S.) was adopted as the primary goal of the LEC Plan:

Florida shall assure the availability of an adequate supply of water for all competing uses deemed reasonable and beneficial and shall maintain the functions of natural systems and the overall present level of surface and ground water quality. Florida shall improve and restore the quality of waters not presently meeting water quality standards.

This statewide policy is consistent with the water management policies in Chapter 373, F.S., and the *Water Supply Policy Document* (SFWMD, 1995).

**Objectives.** The LEC Regional Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee also developed several specific objectives and associated strategies for the plan:

1. Protect and enhance the environment including federal, state, and locally identified natural resource areas
2. Protect and conserve the water resources of South Florida to ensure their availability for future generations
3. Provide for the equitable, orderly, cost-effective, and economical development of water supplies to meet South Florida's environmental, agricultural, urban, and industrial needs
4. Improve resource management through the integration of regional and local water supply plans and land use planning

**Statutory Requirements.** In addition to the above general goals and objectives, results of model simulations were analyzed to determine the ability of proposed projects and actions to achieve other statutory requirements of water supply plans:

- Provide for 1-in-10 year Level of Certainty without causing harm
- Protect water resources from significant harm
- Restore natural systems
- Reserve water needed to protect fish and wildlife and public health and safety

These objectives and statutory requirements were used in the planning process to develop water supply performance measures, resolve competing use issues, and identify recommendations.

**Strategies.** The plan identifies 14 general strategies and associated recommendations to achieve these objectives (**Table 3**).